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For: Processes for the preparation of novel collagen-based supports for tissue engineering and biomaterials obtained

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)

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by inventor(s) Nabil ABDUL MALAK, Valérie ANDRE, Alain HUC and described in :

- ☒ the specification filed herewith
☐ application serial No. _____, filed _____
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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Processes for the preparation of novel collagen-based supports for tissue engineering, and biomaterials obtained

The specification of which

- a. ☒ is attached hereto
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